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AMENDMENT AFTER RCE

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Sir:

In response to the office action mailed September 21, 2001, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A "structured panel" is a panel as defined above where there is some structural relationship between the member libraries. For example, one could have a panel of 20 different biased peptide libraries where, in each library, the middle residue is held constant as a given amino acid, but, in each library the constant residue is different, so, collectively, all 20 possible genetically encoded amino acids are explored by the panel.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 27, 32, 33 and 35 as follows

27 (twice amended). A structured panel consisting of a plurality of biased combinatorial linear peptide libraries, each library having one and only one constant residue at a position fixed for all peptides in all libraries of said panel, all peptides of said panel being the same length, wherein, in each library, said fixed position is (a) at least five residues from both ends of the peptides or (b) within the middle 50% of the